

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 65.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, March 16, 1863.

I..Before a General Court Martial, which convened at the Headquarters 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 5th Army Corps, December 8, 1862, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 10, dated Headquarters 3d Division, 5th Army Corps, December 6, 1862, and of which Colonel J. G. FRICK, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

2d Lieutenant *William H. Wolfe*, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers.

CHARGE 1st.—“Disobedience of orders.”

Specification—“In this; that the said 2d Lieutenant *William H. Wolfe*, Company ‘E,’ 131st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, when ordered by his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel William B. Shant, to appear before a Board for the examination of Officers, then in session at the Headquarters of General Griffin’s Division, did disobey said order. This at Camp near Potomac Creek, Virginia, on or about the 1st day of December, A. D. 1862.”

CHARGE 2d.—“Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.”

Specification—“In this; that the said 2d Lieutenant *William H. Wolfe*, Company ‘E,’ 131st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, when asked by his Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel William B. Shant, why he did not go before the Examining Board, as ordered, answered, ‘I’ll be God-damned if I came into the Army to study tactics, but, to fight,’ or words to that effect, and did use other disrespectful and insulting language to his said Commanding Officer, in the presence of privates belonging to said Regiment. This at Camp near Potomac Creek, Virginia, on or about the 3d day of December, 1862.”

To all which charges and specifications the accused, 2d Lieutenant *William H. Wolfe*, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, pleaded “Not Guilty.”

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, 2d Lieutenant *William H. Wolfe*, Company "E," 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, 2d Lieutenant *William H. Wolfe*, Company "E," 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, "*To be dismissed the service of the United States.*"

II.—The proceedings in the case of 2d Lieutenant *Wolfe*, have been approved by the Major General Commanding Army of the Potomac; but in consideration of the good conduct of the accused at the battle of Fredericksburg, and the recommendation of his Division Commander, the sentence has been suspended, and, under the 89th Article of War, the proceedings have been forwarded for the action of the President, with a recommendation, that the sentence be remitted.

The recommendation is approved and the sentence remitted.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.